



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dr. Edward W. Bethel
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Dear Dr. Bethel,

The U.S. Department of Energy established the Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing (SciDAC) program in 2001 to dramatically advance the use of high performance computing as a tool for scientific discovery. Through the efforts of many researchers, including your team, this vision has yielded impressive results. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many contributions.

I also thank you, and your collaborators, for your participation in the recent mid-term review of the SciDAC portfolio. This review has provided very useful information about the SciDAC Program, the impacts of our investments and opportunities for improvement. As we enter a period of much anticipated innovation in computing hardware, the SciDAC portfolio will be increasingly important to continued progress and we will utilize this valuable feedback to get the most out of our investments.

I am pleased to advise you that, as a result of the review process, ASCR management has determined that funding for the Visualization and Analytics Center (VACET) will continue as planned. We are notifying the PI of each participating organization of this outcome.

In the hope that the reviews will also prove useful to your efforts, I have attached the reviewer comments on your project. The reviews of your project indicate that there may be opportunities for improvement. Please consider the reviewer comments, especially the specific queries/concerns. We would like a written response to these comments by October 16, 2009 with details on how you propose to address the review queries/concerns including any necessary modifications to your plan of work or management structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan A. Hitchcock".

Daniel A Hitchcock, Program Manager
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Attachments:

